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NOTIFICATION

List of Selected Experts: Project Development Workshop for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 16-18 November 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 15 of decision VIII/3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene, with support from relevant organizations and donors, a project development seminar aimed primarily for those countries that have already identified taxonomic needs or that have submitted proposals for pilot projects under the Global Taxonomy Initiative, to promote formulation of country-driven projects based on identified taxonomic needs and to explore potential benefits of developing new, and enhancing existing, regional or global projects to address common taxonomic needs that have already been identified.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Spain has made a contribution to support the travels of experts from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to participate in the Project Development Workshop for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in Africa, which will be held in collaboration with BioNET-INTERNATIONAL and other relevant organizations.

The experts and resource persons were selected in consultation with the GTI Coordination Mechanism, taking into account regional and sectoral participation. The list of selected experts and resource persons is provided in the annex to this notification.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points



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Annex

**Project Development Seminar for the Global Taxonomy Initiative
(Decision VIII/3, paragraph 15)**

Nairobi, Kenya, 16-18 November 2009

Selected Experts

Sponsored Participants

Adnan Awad	South Africa
Aime Bokonon-Ganta	Benin
Hamza Kija	Tanzania
James Kairo	Kenya
Llewellwyn Foxcroft	South Africa
Mary Apetorgbor	Ghana
Melckzedeck Osore	Tanzania
Oumar Balde	Senegal
Soud Jumah	Tanzania
Tebogo Rampho	South Africa
Bernard Risky Agwanda	Kenya
Wanja Kinuthia	Kenya
Chris Odhiambo	Kenya

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Own funding

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Geoffrey Howard	IUCN/GISP
Silvia R. Ziller	GISIN
Motohiro Hasegawa	JICA
Stephen Twomlow	UNEP-GEF

N.B.: BioNET Secretariat and BioNET-EAFRINET are handling the logistics for this seminar; BioNET INTERNATIONAL will be in touch with selected experts in this regard.